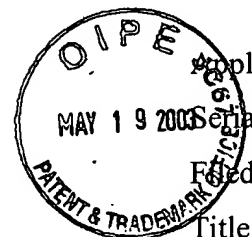




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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on March 17, 2003. In an Advisory Action mailed April 3, 2003 the Examiner placed the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the file without considering the art because it lacked a statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e). Applicants are resubmitting the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and include a statement that it is submitted before a first Office Action after the filing of an RCE or CPA. Applicants have not included the references with this Supplemental IDS as they were previously mailed with the March 17, 2003 Supplemental IDS. If the Examiner would like us to resubmit the references, please contact Applicants' Representative at 612.332.5300.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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